

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 23, 2015
OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 OPEN SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN CLYDE HOLLOWAY, VICE CHAIRMAN SCOTT ANGELLE, COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONER LAMBERT BOISSIERE, COMMISSIONER ERIC SKRMETTA AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EVE KAHAO GONZALEZ.

Open Session of September 23, 2015, convening at 9:31A.M., and adjourning at 11:37 P.M., Natchez Room, 602 N. 5th Street, 1st Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the above-named members of the Commission and Executive Secretary Eve Kahao Gonzalez.

Ex. 1	<p>Chairman Holloway congratulated Commissioner Skrmetta on being elected to serve as the President of Entergy Regional State Committee.</p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta announced that the October 28, 2015 B&E will be held at the Louisiana State Supreme Court Building 400 Royal Street New Orleans, Louisiana at 10am.</p> <p>Deputy General Counsel Melissa Watson introduced the new Staff Attorney, Kathryn Bowman.</p>
Ex. 2	<p>S-33470 - Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU), ex parte. In re: Petition of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for Partial Waiver from April 17, 2014 General Order (Docket No. R-33105) for Establishment of Rates for Towing Services on Baton Rouge Campus.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff's Recommendation.</p> <p>(Ex. 3 on the August 26, 2015 B&E Agenda)</p> <p>PULLED</p>
Ex. 3	<p>S-33554 - Southwest Ouachita Waterworks, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for an increase in water rates (non-profit system).</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Recommendation.</p> <p>(Ex. 6 on the August 26, 2015 B&E Agenda)</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adopt the staff recommendation filed July 10, 2014 authorizing an increase in rates, subject to conditions.</p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta asked that any water and sewer issues that the Commission votes on moving forward would be subject to any changes in state regulations that allow for reductions in cost.</p>
Ex. 4	<p>S-33600 - L&R Utilities, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for a Letter of Non Opposition to the Proposed Issuance of Taxable Municipal Bonds to Fund Improvements Pursuant to Order U-33203.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Staff Recommendation.</p> <p>(Ex. 8 on the August 26, 2015 B&E Agenda)</p> <p>PASSED</p>
Ex. 5	<p>U-32507 - Cleco Power LLC., ex parte. In re: Application of Cleco Power LLC for: (i) Authorization to Install Emissions Control Equipment at certain of its Generating Facilities in order to comply with the Federal National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Coal and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units Rule; and (ii) Authorization to Recover the Costs Associated with the Emissions Control Equipment in LPSC Jurisdictional Rates.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on ALJ Recommendation.</p> <p>(Ex. 15 on the August 26, 2015 B&E Agenda)</p> <p>PASSED</p>

Ex. 6	<p>U-32913 - Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc., ex parte, Panola-Harrison Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte, Washington-St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte. In re: Notification pursuant to the LPSC's 2011 Net Metering Order (R-31417).</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on ALJ recommendation.</p> <p>(Ex. 17 on the August 26, 2015 B&E Agenda)</p> <p>PASSED</p>
Ex. 7	<p>R-32975 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Examination of long-term natural gas hedging proposals.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside consultants.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to hire Unite Professionals Company to assist in the Commission's review of the obligations required of electric IOUs, by the Hedging Order, for hourly rates range from \$100 an hour for administrative assistants to \$200 an hour for principals.</p>
Ex. 8	<p>R-33253 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Rule on Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Fossil-Fuel Fired Electric Generating Units under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to hire outside counsel.</p> <p>PASSED</p>
Ex. 9	<p>R-31891-A - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Review and Update of the Regulations and Guidelines of the Louisiana Public Service Commission Applicable to Customer Owned Coin Operated Telephone Service Providers and Alternate Operator Service Providers.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to lift stay imposed at the March 20, 2013 Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>(Ex. 20 on the August 26, 2015 B&E Agenda)</p> <p>Exhibits 9 & 10 were taken up together. After considerable discussion, no vote was taken and it was confirmed that the items would be removed from the Agenda.</p>
Ex. 10	<p>R-31891-A - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: Review and Update of the Regulations and Guidelines of the Louisiana Public Service Commission Applicable to Customer Owned Coin Operated Telephone Service Providers and Alternate Operator Service Providers.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to lift stay imposed at the March 20, 2013 Business and Executive Session.</p> <p>(Ex. 21 on the August 26, 2015 B&E Agenda)</p> <p>Exhibits 9 & 10 were taken up together. After considerable discussion, no vote was taken and it was confirmed that the items would be removed from the Agenda.</p>
Ex. 11	<p>1) Reports</p> <p>Final Staff report in Docket X-33192 (Net Metering "Cost Benefit Analysis") - PASSED</p> <p>Chairman Holloway explained the item being passed due to a recent change in circumstances that may involve possible litigation.</p> <p>Commissioner Skrmetta made the Commission aware that the Sierra Club has filed suit against the Environmental Protection Agency in US District Court in Washington, DC on issues over Louisiana coal fired plants and Commissioner Skrmetta directs Staff to review the matter and if necessary, to protect Commission and ratepayer interests.</p> <p>2) Resolutions 3) Discussions</p>

	<p>4) ERSC/OMS Business</p> <p>Ratification of Commissioner Skrmetta's vote taken on September 10, 2015, as the Louisiana Public Service Commission's representative to the OMS Board of Directors.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Angelle, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify Commissioner Skrmetta's vote taken on September 10, 17 and 18, 2015, as the Louisiana Public Service Commission's representative to the OMS Board of Directors.</p> <p>5) Directives</p>
Ex. 12	<p>U-32996 - CenterPoint Energy-Arkla, ex parte. In re: Report of Earnings and Return on Equity for the Louisiana Division for the twelve months ending June 30, 2013 for CenterPoint Energy-Arkla.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Holloway.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the uncontested stipulated settlement.</p>
Ex. 13	<p>U-32998 - CenterPoint Energy-Entex, ex parte. In re: Report of Earnings and Return on Equity for the Louisiana Division for the twelve months ending June 30, 2013 for CenterPoint Energy-Entex.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and Possible Vote on Uncontested Stipulated Settlement.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Holloway.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Commissioner Angelle, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to accept the uncontested stipulated settlement.</p>
Ex. 14	<p>S-33771 - Campti-Pleasant Hill Telephone Company, Inc. and CP-Tel Network Services, Inc., ex parte. In re: Request for Approval and/or Letter of Non Opposition to Granting of Security and Change in Ownership in Connection with Refinance of Existing Debt.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote on Letter of Non-Opposition.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Campbell.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Holloway, with Commissioner Boissiere and Commissioner Angelle concurring and Commissioner Skrmetta temporarily absent, the Commission voted to adopt Staff Recommendation.</p>
Ex. 15	<p>U-33782 - Entergy Louisiana, LLC and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC, ex parte. In re: Test Year 2014 Formula Rate Plan filing.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to retain United Professionals and Stone Pigman as outside consultants and counsel, respectively.</p> <p>At the request of Commissioner Skrmetta.</p> <p>On motion of Chairman Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, with Commissioner Boissiere and Commissioner Angelle concurring and Commissioners Skrmetta temporarily absent, the Commission voted to retain United Professional Company for a budget cap of \$290,000 in fees and \$9,000 in expenses and Stone Pigman submitted a proposed budget cap of \$343,000 in fees and \$15,000 in expenses to assist Staff with this proceeding.</p>
Ex. 16	<p>U-33434 - Cleco Power LLC, ex parte. In re: Joint Application of Cleco Power LLC and Cleco Partners L.P. for: (1) Authorization for the Change of Ownership and Control of Cleco Power LLC and (ii) Expedited Treatment.</p> <p>In re: Brief update from Staff on status of proceedings.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Holloway.</p>

	<p>Reports were given by Jim Ellis of Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Phillips, John Shirley of Phelps Dunbar, Lane Sisung of United Professionals Company, Paul Zimmering of Stone Pigman, and Andrew Chapman of MacQuarrie Infrastructure.</p>
Ex. 17	<p><u>Chairman Holloway directs Entergy to file quarterly updates with the Commission on the amount, timing and range of in-service dates for Entergy’s load growth projections, with supporting data broken out by customer class (industrial, commercial and residential). The data should be filed in our MISO implementation docket U-32675, so we also have this as part of our review of transmission planning.</u></p> <p>PASSED</p>
Ex. 18	<p><u>Chairman Holloway directs Staff to take steps to open a new docket to investigate the potential establishment of a Service Quality Program for Cleco Power, as is currently in place for SWEPCO and for the newly combined Entergy Louisiana operating company, and to request budget letters from United Professionals and from Stone Pigman to assist the Staff in this new docket.</u></p> <p>At the request of Chairman Holloway.</p> <p>Chairman Holloway requested that budgets be submitted, consistent with the directive, for approval at the October 28, 2015 B&E. Chairman Holloway further requested a vote on the service quality rule at the October 28, 2015 B&E, or as soon as possible.</p>
Ex. 19	<p>R-33253 - Louisiana Public Service Commission, ex parte. In re: The United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Proposed Rule on Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Fossil-Fuel Fired Electric Generating Units under Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act.</p> <p>In re: Discussion and possible vote to approve Phase III budget of Acadian Consulting.</p> <p>At the request of Chairman Holloway.</p> <p>On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, with Commissioner Angelle concurring and Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Boissiere objecting, the Commission voted to hire Acadian for a Task 3 budget of \$119,370 in fees, \$1417 in expenses, for a total not to exceed budget of all three tasks \$120,787.</p>

On motion of Commissioner Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Holloway, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The next Business and Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in New Orleans, Louisiana.